WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Non-payment of salaries to DTC Employees

*204. SHRI SOM PAL :

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that payment of salaries and other perks to the workers of DTC has not been made for last two years;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the non-payment of dues to the DTC workers by the management;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the present position in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (d) No, Sir. The salaries are paid every month to the workers of the Corporation. However, due to paucity of funds, the employees have not been made any payment on account of Interim Relief and DA arrears.

Removal of Kidney Stone without Surgery

*205. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of private clinics in Delhi and outside are removing kidney stones without surgery;

(b) if so, names of such clinics State and Territory-wise as on 30th November 1994;

(c) whether Government propose to provide similar treatment in all Government Hospitals located in all States and Union Territories; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Some private clinics are reported to be removing kidney stones without surgery. However, no definite information is available.

(c) and (d) Facilities in Govt. hospitals are augmented from time to time depending upon overall priorities and resources available. However, these facilities are available in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Lok Nayak Jaiparkash Narain Hospitals in Delhi.

Payment of Allowances to ICMR Scientists

*206. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 249 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th February, 1993 and state :

(a) what are the reasons that the ICMR scientists continue to be discriminated for payment of allowances when similar benefits have already been extended to scientists of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (A.I.I.M.S.) and Post-Graduate Institute, Chandigarh, the parallel autonomous institutions;

(b) whether Government are aware that indecision on their part has already set in a demoralising and simmering discontentment among scientists of the Indian Council of Medical Research affecting the quality of research work in the field of medical sciences; and

(c) what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There has been no discrimination.

(b) The decision that these allowances cannot be sanctioned for scientists in ICMR has been conveyed.

(c) Does not arise.

Extension of rail line upto Along Ship Breaking Yard, Pipavav Project

*207. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from Government of Gujarat regarding extension of railway lines to Along ship breaking yard, Pipavav project and conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge in other port towns; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the action taken by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey has been ordered for conversion of Surendranagar-Bhavnagar MG line into BG and extension of the converted line from Bhavnagar to Pipavav via Along.

Exploration of crude oil and natural gas in Saurashtra and Kachh Regions of Gujarat

*208. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the Minis-